

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 28 JULY 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1108-0-01 (ACCNO 0022) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: BOYER, ALAN LEE Date Status assigned: 15 Jan 1979

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	E5	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN		Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	69 in / 1.75 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	8 Mar 1946	Weight	153 lb / 69.3 kg	Duty pos	RIFLEMAN
Home State	MONTANA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE  
UTM: 48QXD434574  
Lat/Long: 164748N / 1062045E  
Country: LAOS  
Military Region: 3  
Mission Province: SAVANNAKHET  
(formerly):  
Mission District: XEPON  
Mission Date: 28 Mar 1968  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: May 93, Jun 92, Nov 89, Oct 89  
Investigations: Oct 92  
Surveys: Oct 92  
Excavations: May 93  
Vessey Case: THREE  
Case type: DISCREPANCY

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: GRND	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: \$
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial: \$
Year: \$	2 Serial: \$

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REFNO: 1108-0-02 (ACCNO 0029) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: BROWN, GEORGE R Date Status assigned: 13 May 1977

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	E7	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN		Eyes	GREEN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	67 in / 1.70 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	19 Sep 1935	Weight	145 lb / 65.7 kg	Duty pos	INTEL SGT
Home State	FLORIDA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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Mission Province: SAVANNAKHET  
(formerly):  
Mission District: XEPON  
Mission Date: 28 Mar 1968  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

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===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: GRND	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: \$
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial: \$
Year: \$	2 Serial: \$

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===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1108-0-03 (ACCNO 0134)      Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: HUSTON, CHARLES GREGORY      Date Status assigned: 26 Jan 1977

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	E5	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	15 RTR	Height	69 in / 1.75 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	29 Sep 1945	Weight	166 lb / 75.2 kg	Duty pos	RIFLEMAN
Home State	OHIO	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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Lat/Long: 164748N / 1062045E  
Country: LAOS  
Military Region: 3  
Mission Province: SAVANNAKHET  
(formerly):  
Mission District: XEPON  
Mission Date: 28 Mar 1968  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

22 August 1975

ON 28 MARCH 1968, SGT ALAN L. BOYER, AND SGT CHARLES G. HUSTON, BOTH RIFLEMEN, AND SFC GEORGE R. BROWN, INTELLIGENCE SERGEANT, WERE CONDUCTING A RECONNAISSANCE PATROL IN LAOS IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) XD 434 574. THEY HAD CONTACTED AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE AND WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING EXTRACTED BY HELICOPTER. BECAUSE OF THE TERRAIN FEATURES IN THE AREA, THE HELICOPTER COULD NOT LAND, CONSEQUENTLY A ROPE LADDER WAS USED. SIX VIETNAMESE HAD ALREADY CLIMBED TO THE AIRCRAFT, WHEN AS THE SEVENTH CLIMBED ABOARD, THE HELICOPTER BEGAN RECEIVING HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. THIS FORCED THE HELICOPTER TO LEAVE THE AREA. (REF 1)

SIMULTANEOUS TO THIS ACTION SGT BOYER BEGAN CLIMBING THE LADDER WHEN SECONDS LATER, THE LADDER BROKE. WHEN LAST SEEN DURING THE EXTRACTION THE OTHER TWO SERGEANTS STILL ON THE GROUND WERE ALIVE AND APPEARED UNWOUNDED. ON APRIL 1 1968 A SEARCH TEAM WAS INSERTED INTO THAT AREA. THIS TEAM SEARCHED FOR SIX HOURS, BUT FAILED TO LOCATE ANY EVIDENCE OF THE MEN. (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISTS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THESE INDIVIDUALS' NAMES AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. SFC BROWN, SGT BOYER, AND SGT HUSTON ARE CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

23 May 1985

SOURCE RELAYED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH OF THREE AMERICANS WHILE ON A JOINT U.S. AND ARVN PATROL IN SAVANNAKHET (P), LAOS, DURING 1968. THE AMERICANS WERE BURIED IN THE VICINITY OF BAN ROU (U), XD 422 627 IN A COMMON GRAVE. THIS PROBABLY CORRELATES TO SGT ALAN L. BOYER, SGT CHARLES G. HOUSTON AND SFC GEORGE R. BROWN. (REF 2)

28 December 1984

SOURCE PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH OF A U.S. SPECIAL FORCES SOLDIER IN THE VICINITY OF BAN DIN MO (U) XD 435 586. THIS PROBABLY RELATES TO EITHER SGT ALAN L. BOYER, SGT CHARLES G. HOUSTON, OR SFC GEORGE R. BROWN. (REF 3)

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=== REFERENCES ===

10 July 1985

REFERENCES: <1> RPT , FOB#4, C & C DET, 5TH SF RP, 05 APR 68. <2> REFCON, T84-340, 28 DEC 84. <3> REFCON, T84-343, 28 DEC 84. <4> AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE 200821Z NOV 92. <5> AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE, DETAILED REPORT OF EXCAVATION: CASE 1108, 030818Z JUN 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

20 September 1989

A CASE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO ALL INDIVIDUALS WAS PASSED BY JCRC TO THE VNOSMP DURING THE 28 - 30 AUGUST 1989 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

8 December 1989

) DURING THE 29 - 30 OCT 89 MEETING IN HANOI, GEN VESSEY PASSED A NARRATIVE ON THIS CASE TO VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH.

DURING THE 1 - 3 NOV 89 MEETING IN VIENTIANE, LAOS, USDAS LAMBERTSON PASSED A NARRATIVE ON THIS CASE TO LPDR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

24 May 1993

) CASE NARRATIVE FOR CASE 1108 WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE AND LAO GOVERNMENTS DURING THE 6-7 MAY 1993 POW/MIA TRILATERAL TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

22 August 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: ALAN L. BOYER 1108-0-01, GEORGE R. BROWN 1108-0-02 AND CHARLES G. HUSTON 1108-0-03.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

17 December 1992

ON 30 OCTOBER 1992, A JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL MILITIA DURING THE TIME OF THIS INCIDENT AND CLAIMED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE BURIAL OF THREE BODIES. THERE WERE SEVERAL INACCURACIES IN THE WITNESSES STATEMENTS AS TO THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED AND THE NUMBER ON THE ROPE LADDER DURING THE ATTEMPTED EXTRACTION. THEY POINTED OUT THE GENERAL AREA OF THE ALLEGED GRAVES (XD43405850); HOWEVER, THE AREA HAS CHANGED A GREAT DEAL SINCE THE TIME OF THE ALLEGED

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BURIAL AND HAS BEEN BOMBED. A SURVEY OF THE AREA FAILED TO LOCATE THE GRAVES. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE INACCURACIES IN THE WITNESSES STATEMENTS, THEY CLAIM TO BE FIRST HAND WITNESSES. BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED, THE TEAM RECOMMENDED RECOVERY OF THIS SITE. BECAUSE THE AREA HAS BEEN BOMBED, THE CHANCE OF RECOVERING REMAINS ARE SMALL, IT IS RECOMMENDED FOR LOW PRIORITY EXCAVATION. (REF 4)

28 July 1993

BETWEEN 19 AND 23 MAY 1993, A JOINT U.S./LAO RECOVERY TEAM EXCAVATED AN ALLEGED BURIAL LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE AT GRID COORDINATE XD434585, BAN DINMO VILLAGE, XEPON DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. THE TEAM EXCAVATED A 20 BY 14 METER AREA WHERE TWO WITNESSES HAD SEEN THE BURIAL OF THREE INDIVIDUALS IN TWO GRAVES. THE WITNESSES COULD NOT CONFIRM THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE GRAVES DUE TO CHANGES IN THE AREA CAUSED BY BOMBING, BUT THEY WERE SURE THE GRAVES WERE WITHIN THE AREA EXCAVATED. NO EVIDENCE OF A GRAVE WAS FOUND, AND NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE RECOVERED. IT IS POSSIBLE THE GRAVES WERE DESTROYED BY BOMBING IN THE AREA. THE SUSPECT GRAVE AREA WAS COMPLETELY EXCAVATED AND THE SITE WAS CLOSED. (REF 5)